



Press Release

Kenya Red Cross Society assists in evacuation of Kenyans from Juba

Saturday, 16 July 2016, Nairobi: Renewed fighting has broken out in Juba, South Sudan, between forces loyal to President Salvar Kiir and Vice-President Riek Machar. The latest bout of violence comes hours after the United Nations Security Council urged for an immediate end to the fighting.

The Government of Kenya will start evacuating Kenyans affected by fighting in Juba, with the first flight expected to arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) at 1030hrs, Saturday, 16 July 2016.

“A team from the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and Emergency Plus Medical Services (E-Plus) has been activated to offer support to the evacuation mission,” said Venant Ndighila, Emergency Operations/Security Manager, KRCS.

KRCS has set up a reception center at JKIA to receive and process the returnees. Two ambulances from E-Plus are also stationed at the airport to handle any casualties, while a further two paramedics will be on board the next outbound flight to Juba to offer further medical support.

A Tracing Desk has been set up to support families searching for their loved ones. The hotline is: +254 715 820 219.

A team of counselors will be available at the airport to provide psychosocial support to returnees and their families.

Tension has been high since April this year, when Mr. Machar returned to Juba under a peace deal following a two-year civil war. More than 200 people are reported to have died in clashes since Friday.

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